GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2238
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BOGUS CARRIAGE BILLING
Gao Shri Tapir

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of gross misappropriation of bogus carriage billing/settlement under PDS has been detected in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and thereafter till date;

(c) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on PDS has strongly recommended for CBI enquiry into the whole affairs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): A special audit, by a team from Food Corporation of India (FCI), of the reimbursements made to the Government of Arunachnal Pradesh under the Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme has reported that during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04 an amount of Rs. 193.52 crores was paid by the FCI to the State Government in excess of the permissible payments under the Scheme.

(c): The Parliamentary Standing Committee attached to this Department had recommended that the matter may be investigated by the CBI or any higher investigating agency.

(d): This Department has requested the Central Vigilance Commission to get an enquiry conducted into the matter.